Branches Not To Use Distinction 'Colored Branch'

St. Louis, Mo. Argus

St. Louis, Mo.

Attending the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, held at Buffalo, New York, June 6-9 at Hotel Statler, were: Eugene R. McCarthy, President of the St. Louis Y. M. C. A.; Bige Wyatt, Chairman of Pine Street Board, Robert R. Vernon, General Secretary, and James E. Cook, Pine Street Execuitve. Fri. 6-13-47

The meeting was highlighted by some very important actions by the Council, including the election of Mr. Eugene R. McCarthy as Vice-President. It voted to continue services to men in the Armed Forces when the U. S. O. Organization will end December 31, 1947; to delete the category "colored" from the "authorized types" of Associations, with many Interracial Branches being organized and Associations opening their membership to all.

The action of the Pacific Southwest Area, not to establish any more Racial Branches indicates the forward trend of the oldest youth organization to make the "C" the dominating influence of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fri. 6-13-47

Members of the National Council are elected by their Area and state organizations. The race members are: Howard H. Long, Washington. D. C.; W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago; Henry W. Pope, New York; Rev. C. A. Ward, Toledo; O. W. Evans, Dayton; Harrison H. Cain, Philadelphia; Dr. John P. Turner, Philadelphia; Benjamin E. Mays, Atlanta, Georgia; W. R. Banks, Prairie View, Texas, and Bige Wyatt, St. Louis.

Bias Gets Setback At Internat'l 'Y' Meet

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

Wed. 8-27-47

TOLEDO — (NNPA) — Discrimination and segregation, race, and religious hatred, and exploitation were given a major set back all over the world as a direct result of the history of making Silver Jubilee Convention of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs held in Toledo this past week.

Keynoted by its founder, Judge Paul Williams Alexander of Toledo and Miss Majorie Penny of Fellowship House, Philadelphia, the Association which coevrs 26 countries, reaffirmed and added teeth to its determination that Christian Democracy shall prevail. No mere lip service boys. Judge Alexander, who has a colored Secretary and officers of the Association, like Charles L. Miller, Hurbert Weaver, President David Coughey, Walt Dickinson, George Goold and Howard Hawkins, have proved their democracy by the uncompromising stand they have taken in behalf of fair treatment for all people. An outstanding speaker was Major General J. L. Hauang, Regional Director of the Chinese Region.

The 560 Delegates who registered at the Commodore Perry and nearby hotels represented all races and twenty-six nations. The Y's Men's Clubs had insisted that no delegates were to be discriminated against and these instructions were followed to the letter.

BELIEVE IN IDEALS

Y's Men's Club members are young business and professional men between 21 and 36 years of age who believe in the high ideals of the YMCA. The work in 5 major fields—Boys work, young men's work, now YMCA member introduction, Berkeley, Portland, Seattle Jersey City and Toledo. The colored club in Toledo co-sponsored the Convention. Wed. 8-27-47

The colored delegates present did a bang up job of representation and thir presence had its influence on the course of the deliberations.

Brilliant Eugene Garfield Weathers, board chairman of Toledo's Indiana street YMCA and Ralph Kencheon, executive secretary, pooled their influence, personality, and parliamentary know-how with out-of-town delegates, George and David Smith of Jersey City, Garland Rouce of Durante, Lionel Page of Seattle and Toussant L'Overture Jennings of Los Angeles to make a team of colored delegates who did the race proud by their representation. David Smith and Toussant Jennings were attending their second International and renewed many friendships reaching around the world.

The Warren Methodist Youth Choir was highly appreciated as were the solos of Toussant Jennings who was asked to sing again this year as a result of his last year's performance.

The out-of-town delegates met with Weathers and Kencheon at their home at the end of the Convention and it was decided that the many benefits of the Y's Men's movement must be made available to other young colored men who qualified.

Atlantans Have Done It Again!

Daily World

Once again Atlantans have met the challenge of public duty and civic need in the magnificent response they have given to the recently concluded membership campaign of the Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association. And in so doing, they have made possible the continuation of a service of an agency without which crime and juvenile delinquency would have a field day among our boys and young men. Atlanta, Georgia

The campaign, which lasted two weeks only, was the first ever to be conducted by any similar group in Atlanta which chalked up a record of a thousand dollars per day average. That is a marvelous record of which all of us can be justly proud. The fact that the 'Y' raised virtually $15,000 is ample testimony of the esteem in which the Association is held in the hearts of all Atlantans.

If we add to this fact the added facts that for the past several months there have been an endless succession of drives for one or another cause, the Association's campaign success was even more significant. For there was the campaign for the Colored Blind; the recently concluded NAACP membership drive. The current United College Fund campaign, the Colored Women's Federated Clubs, together with the filing of income taxes, all contributed to the problems under which the Association's campaign had to labor. Jan. 5 11-47

The Young Men's Christian Association has written her name high in the hearts of Atlantans. But it is difficult to discuss the success and nobility of the Association's service without at the same time, pointing to the personality and effectiveness of the man who gives leadership direction to it. For such a leader as Warren Cochrane, all Atlanta should be grateful. In the words of T. M. Alexander, Chairman of the Board of Managers, the Executive Secretary lifted the Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association from the slough of despond and has steadily improved it until today it has advanced to a position of first place among YMCA's of the Nation.

The Butler Street 'Y' has the largest professional staff of any staff in the Nation. It has the largest budget bequest from the Community Chest of any chapter anywhere in the country. And from the point of view of efficiency, and service it stands in the front ranks of ongoing Association. An average of 10,000 boys and young men are served daily by the Association. But even that is but a small dent compared to the great need and imperative to extend its services so as to reach another 30,000 boys in greater Atlanta who have absolutely no form of organized recreation beyond that which the 'Y' must sooner or later assume.

We congratulate the YMCA upon the success it has obtained. But in a greater measure, we congratulate the hundreds of busy leaders of Atlanta, all of whom gave willingly and generously of their time money in order to make it the wonderful success it was.

Haynes Ends African Tour

Chicago Defender
Chicago Ill. Sat. 8-16-47

GENEVA, Switzerland — (ANP) —After 25,000 miles of travel in East, South, Central and West Africa during the past six months, Dr. George Edmund Haynes, consultant for Africa for the world's committee of the YMCA, has been here the past two weeks at the headquarters of the committee preparing his report for the plenary meeting which is being held in Edinburgh, Scotland, Aug. 12-22.

Dr. Haynes visited the principal countries in all sections of Africa except the north. He interviewed and held conference with all kinds of people—leaders of education, religious organizations, business, government, labor, of women's groups, students and community.

In every country he made trips by airplane and automobile into the interior to see conditions and needs and to talk with Africans.

World YMCA To Demonstrate Work In Africa

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.
Tues. 9-2-47

EDINBURGH, Scotland—(ANP) —The World Committee of the World's Alliance of the Young Men's Christian associations that has been in plenary session here for the past 10 days after full reports from survey consultants who have visited most of the countries on the five continents of the earth today approved the list of points for extension during the next five years. Africa was priority A for key demonstration YMCA's in nine places in the east, in southern, central and West Africa. 9-2-47

The nine key centers are Nairobi in Kenya; Lages in Nigeria; two cities in Gold Coast, Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia; Johannesburg, South Africa for secretarial trainees, Elizabethville (Congo Belgian copper area) and Ndola (Northern Rhodesia copper belt) as one demonstration area; Douala in French Cameroon; Monrovia in Liberia and Madagascar at Tenanarive.

Extension of YMCA work to other parts of the world were as follows: Middle East at Addis Ababa, Teheran and Aleppo, South-East Asia at Batavia, Macassar, Singapore and Saigon; Latin America both Central and South America at Bogota, Guayaquil and Guatamela, and Australia for the Fiji islands and New Caledonia.

The extension to these first points and to many others which are on the list to be covered in the next five years, along with reconstruction in the devastated war areas, will cost not less than 15 millions of dollars according to the committee estimates. Sun 9-2-47

The report on Africa was made by Dr. George Edmund Haynes, who has recently returned from a survey in the area of Africa south of the Sahara and up the west coast as far as Dakar, Senegal. His report gave a brief review of the land, the people, the religious and educational outlook, the attitude of mission leaders, government officials, business and community leaders. Dr. Haynes stressed the mind and trend of young Africans in each of the countries and the needs and problems which the YMCA can help meet.

Aid Continent's Neglected Youth

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In submitting his report to the plenary session, Dr. Haynes declared in part: "The first thing to emphasize about the Continent of Africa is that "the African" does not exist, except in the minds of many people outside of Africa who have never seen the people. Africans are more varied probably than the people of Europe. They differ in language, customs and habits and even in color, if you please. . . . Hundreds of photographs which are on display here and more that are available show Africans doing all types of work from unskilled labor to the highly skilled artisans like railroad engineers, stone masons and tool and die makers and as highly trained teachers, doctors, lawyers, and ministers with degrees from the best American and European universities.

In concluding Dr. Haynes declared: "Nothing will do European, American and Asian young people more good than giving their best in young men and women and their utmost in financial support to those men and women for service and guidance of African young people in their present desperate plight as their tribal life is breaking down and they are seeking ways of meeting the incoming tide of forces from the outside world.

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Kentucky

The Colored Y.M.C.A. Drive

3-26-47 Wed. Louisville Ky.

A recent attempt has been made to revive the Chestnut Street Y.M.C.A.. The Community Chest gave $10,000 for one year with the stipulation that the colored people of this city would raise a sufficient amount of money through memberships to establish this work permanently.

A drive is now on to secure 1,000 members. To date we have not secured this number and the campaign has been extended for ten days. The colored people of this city can rest assured that unless this goal is reached we will again lose this God-sent institution which has been closed for 15 years, and many boys have gone to destruction in the community in the meantime.

The Courier Journal

If this drive fails, it will mean back to the hamburger stand, the chili parlor, the night club, and the cheap movie for our boys. Here is the answer to juvenile delinquency! Wake up, folks! Every colored family in this city should be interested in this movement, and if they do not have a son, they should send in a subscription for some boy. Information can be secured by contacting the executive secretary, Mr. Coleman, phone JA 7714, Chestnut Street Y.M.C.A.

R. E. MALONE,
Campaign Director.

Louisville.

The Courier Journal
Wed 4-30-47

Courier-Journal Photo.

NEW HOBBY equipment donated to the Negro Y.M.C.A., is being used by, from left, Henry Thornton, 2330 W. Chestnut; Bernard Rosenbaum, Kiwanis Club president; Edward Jones, 1101 W. Walnut, and Charles Parrish, 414 S. 10th.

Louisville Ky.

Negro 'Y' Opens Hobby Shop

With more than $500 worth of equipment donated by the Louisville Kiwanis Club, a hobby shop was opened yesterday at the Negro Y.M.C.A., 920 W. Chestnut. Dozens of hammers, saws, planes, electric jig saws, wood lathes, and electric motors were included in the gift. They were dedicated to the Y.M.C.A. by Bernard Rosenblum, Kiwanis Club president, and J. D. Grissom and Tibbs Maxey, cochairmen of the club's underprivileged-child committee.

The hobby shop will be open from 2:30 to 6 p.m. during school days and will operate on a full day's schedule when school closes.

Wed 4-30-47

Supervisors will be Edmund Bolan, Central High School teacher; Charles Taylor, Jackson Junior High School teacher, and W. H. Hall, boys' physical worker at the Y.M.C.A.

New York

High Rent Results in Harlem Y Revolt

Afro-Am, 55
Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK (ANP)—Irate residents of the Harlem Branch YMCA staged a protest meeting Saturday night when it was learned that the rising cost of living would force an increase in dormitory rentals and membership fees. Sat. 1-11-47

James C. Thomas, member of the board of managers, spoke for the revolters, while James C. Arnold, new executive secretary, explained the situation of the Y, whose 1947 budget will be $440,000 against $350,000 in 1946.

Offering the services found in many first rate hotels since 1933, when rates were low, the institution finds it cannot continue with $4.00 per week rooms. The new rate will be $6 to $11 for room with bath. Sat. 1-11-47

SPLIT ON NEGRO BRANCH

James

Groups in White Plains Differ on Y. M. C. A. Project

55 New York, N.Y.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Oct. 22—Directors of the White Plains branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today protested as a "negation of efforts to promote interracial amity" plans of the White Plains Y.M.C.A. to establish a new $120,000 Negro branch as part of a $330,000 general improvement program. Thu. 10-23-47

J. E. Perry, president of the local branch of the NAACP, demanded instead that "the total resources of the Y.M.C.A. be considered as a whole for the use of all our boys and men regardless of race." 10-23-47

The Y.M.C.A. for several years has operated a "temporary" branch for Negroes in a store building on Main Street. Now it proposes to modernize a church building on Fisher Avenue for a Negro branch.

Theodore J. Lee, secretary of the branch and its campaign chairman in a $330,000 fund drive, said today that he and the fifteen-man board of management voted unanimously two months ago for the Fisher Avenue improvement.

"We think it's better for our people," he declared.

Harlem YMCA Gets New Director

Afro-American

R. J. Thomas, Youngest to Be Named to Branch

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Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK — Rudolph J. Thomas, 43, has been appointed executive director of the Harlem YMCA to succeed the late James C. Arnold, according to a recent announcement made by Judge Hubert T. Delaney, chairman of the Harlem Branch board of managers. Sat. 12-13-47

The largest unit in the local YMCA system, the Harlem Branch occupies two buildings at 180 and 181 W. 135th St. It operates on an annual budget of $450,000. The main building and an annex have a combined total of 475 rooms.

Was Business Manager

For five years, Mr. Thomas was business manager of the YMCA and since the death of Mr. Arnold served as acting director. He is the youngest man to be appointed to head the Harlem YMCA.

A native of Orlando, Fla., he attended Wilberforce University where he majored in business administration. He is a member of the Masons and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Afro-American

During World War II, he served on the No. 52 Draft Board and received a Congressional Selective Service medal for five years' service. He also was a member of the local Ration Board of the OPA.

Pittsburgh Courier Oct. 11-20-47

ALGER STORY — From elevator operator in New York's Harlem YMCA to executive secretary of the branch, is the record of Rudolph J. Thomas.—Keystone Photo.

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Ohio

To Work Together

Ohio State YMCA Staff Shows How

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 3-22-47

By VALENA MINOR LANE, Ohio Bureau

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Showing that integration can work if given a chance, the YMCA at Ohio State University has gone all out in its entire program to have representation of all races, religious, and members of different geographical sections in its activities.

The latest precedent-shattering step has been the hiring of a Negro associate secretary, Russell Jones, who joined the staff last October.

LEAVES RURAL CHURCH

Jones comes to his new job from the pastorate of a rural Baptist church in Middlesex County, Va. He had been active in YMCA work as a student at Virginia Union University. For three years he served as a member of the National Student Council of the "Y," one year as secretary, and two years as first vice chairman. In 1945 he represented the National Intercollegiate Christian Council at the World Youth Conference in London, England.

The first step toward making the employed staff of the University YMCA interracial was the hiring of Nisei Nisao Furato who was employed as office secretary in 1946. This appointment marked the first time an American of Japanese ancestry had been employed on the campus.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

In the student body of some 25,000 there are approximately 1,000 Negro students. The "Y" membership betters this, one to twenty-five ration with a one-to-ten representation. Important cabinet positions are held by Negroes. Leslie Shaw and George Whitehead of Columbus are student secretary and chairman of the Conference Interest Group, respectively. Clarence Myers of Middleton, Ohio, is a member of the cabinet, while Ed Quick of Washington, D. C., is the "Y's" representative on the university Interracial Council. These members, with others, enter actively into the policy forming of the organization. Sat. 3-29-47

FACULTY ADVISORY BOARD

Barbee Durham, who has been employed for ten years as a pharmacist in the university laboratory, is a member of the Faculty Advisory Board; he has been a member of this board for two years, marking the first time that a Negro has so served. Ralph Friedman, a Jewish student, has also served as a student member of the advisory board.

The whole integration program is attributed to the efforts of the executive secretary of the university YMCA, Cecil A. Thomas. He worked for a year at Fisk University and for two years at an American Missionary Association school before coming to Ohio State. Working with him and Jones, as associate secretary, is Joe Mixer of California.

Last summer sixty young men from the university, representing all areas of the country and all races, manned two UNNRA cattle boats shipping food to stricken countries. The project also was under the sponsorship of the YMCA and was a shadow of the interracial picture to come. More and more the YMCA at Ohio State is forgetting racial and religious distinctions and is working for a meaningful cross-section of American manhood.

DR. W. T. NELSON, pioneer YMCA worker in Cincinnati, was honored Tuesday night at the Ninth Street YMCA for more than 35 years of active service. He was captain of one of the first teams to raise money for the YMCA in Cincinnati in 1912, and has held high posts in both national and state councils.

Sumter, S. C. Daily Item
July 8, 1947

$2,000 Given To Negro YW

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More than $2,000 was received in cash and pledges toward the negro Branch of the Y. W. C. A. at a meeting held at the Emanuel Methodist church recently at which Dr. Mary McLeod Bethume, negro educator, spoke in behalf of establishing the Y. W. here. More than 500 persons attended the meeting.

This new organization has secured a building at 310 South Main street and is now working toward furnishing the rooms. A secretary is expected to be secured soon to work on programs with Y-Teens and adults.

Dr. Bethune in her speech stressed the fact that as a citizen the negro has a responsibility to his race. She told of her youth spent in Sumter county and of her desire to help in the education of her people and of her step-by-step progress from the little country school to the founding of her own college, Bethune-Cookman college.

She also told of the need of learers and of the opportunity which the negroes of Sumter have in assisting with the formation of the Branch Y. W. C. A.

After her talk she was presented with flowers by the Sumter Alumnae of Barber Scotia-Johnson C. Smith college and a remembrance from the Mary McLeod Bethune circle of the Emanuel Methodist church. It was then announced that the new Y was to be named in honor of Dr. Bethune and would be called the Mary McLeod Bethune Branch.

FOR WORLD YOUTH

Tunes, New York, N.Y.

During the war 105 Y. M. C. A. buildings in twenty-two countries were damaged or destroyed. This was part of the physical side of the harm war did the Y. M. C. A. movement. Another part, the more important, was the tragic loss in young men killed, wounded, diseased, undernourished, unemployed, in many cases driven from their homes. But, from China and the Philippines to Poland, the Y. M. C. A. has survived and, in spite of indescribable difficulties and hardships, has managed to carry on. Wed. 5-14-47

To make the continuation of this work possible Y. M. C. A.'s World Youth Fund is campaigning this month to raise $8,650,000 in the United States and Canada, of which the metropolitan area of New York is asked to contribute $1,075,000. This money will be used to rebuild or repair damaged buildings, rehabilitate more than 600 Y. M. C. A. secretaries and their families in war-ravaged countries, provide emergency supplies and give aid, in the United States and Canada, to special projects for veterans and others. The New York City address for this campaign is 57 William Street. 5-14-47

Rockefeller's Gift To Youth Fund

Atlanta, Ga. Daily World

Announcement of a gift of $250,000 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the World Youth Fund, is a laudable tribute to the great work and influence of the Young Men's Christian Association, and a tremendous boost to its campaign to reconstruct damaged and destroyed buildings and equipment throughout the world. Fri. 3-14-47

Mr. Rockefeller, in making the gift public, gave two reasons for doing so. First, he said, because the World Youth Fund is dedicated to the reconstruction of damaged and destroyed buildings and equipment throughout the world; buildings that are vital in the performance of Christian service. Second, and even more important, because in his opinion, he stated, the reconstruction of things of the spirit must go forward rapidly, particularly if we are to be saved from the chaos of the Atomic Age. In his opinion, said Mr. Rockefeller, the Christian influence is the only influence which can successfully overcome this destruction and chaos.

The Young Men's Christian Association, which is seeking to raise $8,650,000 for this reconstruction throughout the world, is confident that the American public will speedily meet the challenge which this task imposes upon each of us so that once again the work of this great institution may go forward in the many countries where it has been temporarily halted because of the havoc and destruction of World War II. Fri. 3-14-47

We rejoice with the YMCA upon so substantial a gift from so great a friend as Mr. Rockefeller. He could not have made a more worthwhile investment. For this quarter of a million dollars will be spent in the service of the youth of the world. We are equally confident that at the appropriate time, Atlantans will assume their full share of the responsibility in order that the work of the YMCA abroad may once more go forward in its great humanitarian service in the truest Christian tradition.